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In re Application of
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For: Coating System and Method for
Coating a Substrate with a
Powder-Based Coating
Composition Containing Color
Effect Providing Pigment

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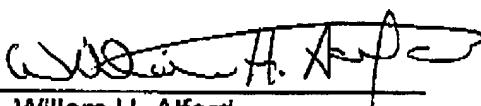
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Applicants have tested various coatings with color effect providing pigments of the instant claims. In one coating non-bonded pigment was added to the powder resin and spray applied to a substrate. Poor color travel and color flop were observed and the coating appeared monochromatic and did not provide an optically variable appearance. Using the same pigment and powder resin, the pigment and powder resin were bonded and spray applied to the identical substrate type. The coating resulted in good color travel and flop and definite multi-color optically variable appearance. Applicants submit that the powder coatings comprising the pigments defined in the instant claims that are not impact bonded do not provide the optically variable effect of the pigments that are bonded with the powder resins.

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